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# ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

## Extraordinary additional session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in 1995

## Note by the Secretariat

1. At its eleventh session, held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 21 November to 9 December 1994, the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights decided to transmit to the Economic and Social Council for its consideration the following draft decision in regard to an additional session of the Committee to be held in 1995:

## DRAFT DECISION

### "Extraordinary additional session for the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

"The Economic and Social Council, noting the backlog of States parties' reports awaiting consideration by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and being aware that such a situation seriously undermines the effectiveness and threatens the credibility of the system for monitoring the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, authorizes, on an exceptional basis, the holding of an extraordinary additional session, of three weeks' duration, of the Committee in the second half of 1995. Additionally, the Council authorizes a special five-day meeting of the Committee's pre-sessional working group, to be held immediately following the

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conclusion of the Committee's twelfth session, in order to prepare for the consideration of States parties' reports during the extraordinary additional session of the Committee."

2. In case of adoption by the Council, the above decision, the dates of the Committee's meetings and of its pre-sessional working group would be as follows:

1-19 May 1995 - twelfth session of the Committee

22-26 May 1995 - Pre-sessional working group for the thirteenth (additional) session

20 November-8 December 1995 - thirteenth (additional) session of the Committee

11-15 December 1995 - Pre-sessional working group for the fourteenth session, to be held in May 1996

3. The Council will be informed at its organizational session of any programme budget implications of the draft decision.

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